

WENHAM COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2006

Attending:

Board Members: Jack Hauck, Barbara Morrell, Kit Richardson, Jane Richardson, Merle Welsh, Mary Kelly

Associate Members: Roseanne Brozenski, Marion D'Ambrosio, John Suminsby, Nancy Spofford

COA Director/Van Supervisor – Trudy Reid

Guest: Tom Tanous, Selectman (liaison with Wenham Selectman), Susan Carp, Wenham Resident

Chair Jack Hauck called the meeting to order, at 2:00 PM. He started out by saying he brought a friend to the meeting and he would like to see more board members bring a guest. Although the board is full, the COA can always use Associate Members to help with the work of the COA.

Minutes of the Meeting of February 14, 2006 and March 14, 2006 were reviewed and approved. Jane Richardson noted that missing from the March minutes was a request asking for volunteer drivers for the Tea scheduled for April 20th.

Committee Reports:

Artwork: Kit Richardson: The art teacher for the elementary schools is interested in displaying the children's art work for the month of May. She is hoping to hang small quilts that the children have made. Kit will notify the Chronicle so they may take pictures.

Budget – Trudy Reid reported that the budget looks to be in good shape. Now that the end of the fiscal year is getting closer, Trudy will be monitoring the budget on a regular basis. If there is going to be money left over, she would like approval to use up the funds on coffee supplies and office supplies, unless there are other ideas. This would be done sometime late June. After talking with Jane last week, it was discussed that the COA would pay about \$300.00 for the tea and about \$200.00 for the bus trip to the Boston Pops.

Friends – Mary Kelly updated the board on the Friends activities. The first fundraiser, a bake sale, is planned for Saturday, May 6th from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. With the assistance of Trudy, notices were sent to the Chronicle, The Salem Evening News, the local cable channel, the Buker Family Bulletin, and notices will be put up at The Maples and Enon Village. A letter will be going out to businesses and residents along with a brochure that describes Friends no later than May 15. A kite flying day has also been discussed amongst the Friends. They would like to get other groups involved, such as the boy scouts, girl scouts, rotary and the

community house. Mary will be speaking at the June 3 COA coffee. It was also decided that this would be the first annual meeting with officers being voted on.

Programs – Not much has happened with the absence of Dick Eddy. Trudy reported that the Computer Class is going well. A second 4 week session has started with 4 new students. Barbara Morrell organized a program on Ukrainian Eggs which was successful. About 10 people attended and some said they would be interested in attending a hands on class next year. Barbara mentioned that the presented, Therese Armstrong would be a good addition to the board if her and her husband remains in Wenham.

Socials – Jane Richardson has several trips planned. 34 people are signed up to attend the Boston Pops. Jane is working on a Lighthouse tour (6/10), (not a big response at the moment, will need 35 people to attend in order to go) the Victorian Tea (4/20), a baseball game to Lynn on June 22, the cost will be less than \$10.00 per person, and an overnight trip to Nantucket (9/6-8). Jane has been contacted by Royal Tours regarding the Rockettes coming to Boston this year. She will keep us posted if she decides to offer that event. It was approved by the board to pay about \$300.00 for the Tea and about \$200.00 for the bus to the Boston Pops.

Van Service – The numbers for the first quarter (calendar year) are good. To date, we've had 213 Hamilton residents using the van for 399 trips. We've had 190 Wenham residents using the van for 364 trips. We picked up 6 new riders since the first of the year. The majority of trips are to medical appointments, shopping and the hairdresser.

COA Coffees – We had a good turn out for the last coffee with guest speakers Peter Hersee, John Clemenzi and Harriett Davis. About 40 were in attendance. Brad Hill also made an appearance. For April 15, John Darling is scheduled to discuss the building committee plans. The first coffee for May falls on the same day as the Annual Town Meeting and it has been decided to host an informal coffee since TRIAD will be kicking off a program and the Friends will be having a bake sale. Scheduled for May 20 are several children, who will perform some sort of a music program. At least one child is doing this as his community service project for school. June 3rd will be a presentation of the COA Friends program.

Grants from Elder Affairs – Trudy Reid received word from Elder Affairs that the application I submitted was not approved. The reason was because they only had so much money, the decision was made to only approve the monies for on-going programs that needed the money to keep going. No new programs were approved. Once money starts coming in to the Friends, the medical program may be a good one to ask the Friends to support.

Outreach - Trudy Reid did a few notary services during March, researched energy credit for a resident, researched and delivered info regarding the Circuit Breaker program for a resident, spoke with a son regarding his mother's financial situation which Trudy also spoke with Sue Harnish because of WISSH. Trudy also attended the Enon Village St. Patrick's Day Luncheon and met several seniors.

Newsletter – No newsletter will be mailed this month due to budget constraints. The next one will be mailed next month to cover May and June.

TRIAD Update – The Yellow Dot Program is scheduled for Saturday, May 6. There was a notice in the Chronicle last week and Trudy hopes to talk to the editor to do a more detailed article for the week before the program. The info is also listed on the COA website, and a flyer will go out with the town reports later this month. Trudy has asked the girl scouts, the boy scouts, and the high school's rotary group for assistance. She is also hoping for assistance from the police department, and she has 4 volunteers coming from Danvers COA to assist since they have done this program before. All supplies were purchased using the money from the grant we received from the First Church of Wenham.

It has come to Trudy's attention that a member of the TRIAD Council would like to see the COA take on TRIAD. This would involve members of the COA taking active roles in TRIAD, attending monthly meetings and participating at TRIAD events. Trudy does not believe this would work for several reasons. Most of the board are already involved with a sub-committee and because TRIAD includes the Sheriff's Dept and police dept., she doesn't see how they would continue to participate unless they attended the COA monthly meetings.

Old Business: Jack introduced Susan Carp. He mentioned that the board has been asking for a member to take the role of the Treasurer, but no one has volunteered. Jack believes that because of this, he feels a member of the community could feel this role, without being a member of the board. Susan's background is in finance and she is currently taking classes in gerontology. Susan's role would be to assist the board and the Director with the finances, doing a check and balance, and can assist with budgets. Kit commented that she thought it would be a great idea to have Susan assist, especially with Susan having little interest in the COA, John agreed. It was discussed that the budget committee would stay in place. The board voted and approved to have Susan become the COA's Treasurer.

New Business: Due to poor health, Jean Marchant has resigned from the board. Jane, Barbara and Marion agreed to work together to bring to the board possible names to replace Jean. Jack spoke of senior events that are worth attending. The library hosts a Koffee Klatch monthly, they display work of local artist, host cribbage.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Next Meeting – May 9, 2006

Respectfully submitted

Trudy Reid/COA Director